

V. REMARKS

Claim 1 is provisionally rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of co-pending Application No. 10/697,004. It is respectfully submitted that at least one of the technical features of the present application pertinent to claims 1 through 6 lies in **"a part of the game result on the first display means is seen only through the light transmitting symbol while being variably displayed on the second display means"**. This specified feature is not disclosed in the co-pending application 10/697004.

Therefore, the present application is neither identical to the co-pending application nor are the claims an obvious variation of the claims of the co-pending application.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Motegi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,817,946) in view of Loose et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,517,433). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Motegi discloses that virtual images (6an', 6bn', 6cn') corresponding to peripheral designs (6an, 6bn, 6cn) of mechanical reels (6a, 6b, 6c) illuminated by a reel lamp are displayed in dark-colored regions, (see col. 7, ll. 9-20). That is, a set of symbols "7" "7" "7" shown in Fig. 3 is a game result which is visible to a player. On that account, it is incorrect for the Examiner to recognize that "a background thereof is display in dark color so that the game result 0 the first display is not seen" (see Page 4 of Detailed Action).

Furthermore, Motegi does not disclose the technical feature that **"a part of the game result on the first display means is seen only through the light transmitting symbols while being variably displayed on the second display means"**.

In conclusion, Motegi does not at all disclose the subject matter of claim 1, namely, **"a part of the game result on the first display means is seen only through the light transmitting symbols while being variably displayed on the second display means"** and neither does Loose. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the applied art.

Claims 2 through 5 are allowable because they ultimately depend from the allowed claim 1.

Claim 6 shall be allowable because claim 6 possesses the above subject matter same as claim 1.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Further, Applicants assert that there are also reasons other than those set forth above why the pending claims are patentable. Applicants hereby reserve the right to submit those other reasons and to argue for the patentability of claims not explicitly addressed herein in future papers.

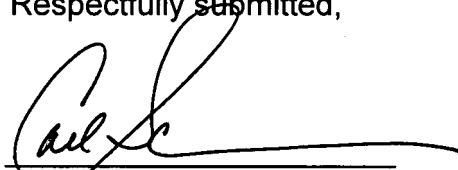
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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